

**FINAL / Minutes of the Animal Welfare Committee
City Hall, City of College Park
June 26, 2014**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Taimi Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie Bellamy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patti Brothers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harriet McNamee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Nagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Turley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christiane Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Vernasco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Chairperson Nagle called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the March 27, April 24, and May 22, 2014 Animal Welfare Committee meeting minutes.

Moved: Ms. Bellamy
Aye: Unanimous

Second: Ms. Brothers
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

II. AWC Web Page Update

Chairperson Nagle stated that the website designer, Mr. "Seth" Gomoljak, is still working on the AWC website. He sent her some questions today regarding dates for the following upcoming events: College Park Day, Doggie Dive-In, and microchipping at the Hollywood Farmer's Market.

III. Food Bank for Animals

Chairperson Nagle suggested a food bank that the AWC can advertise on the City website requesting pet food donations. There was a discussion of possibly partnering with Pets on Wheels and/or Meals on Wheels or some local food banks run by area churches to assist seniors who may have limited income or accessibility and are unable to provide adequate food for their pets. Although the AWC currently receives donations from Petco, Mr. Turley suggested creating AWC letterhead and sending a letter to grocery chains, such as Safeway, Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Aldi's, Giant, Shoppers, etc., requesting pet food donations.

IV. ACO Update

The AWC account is \$8,859.16. ACO Cooper stated that vet expenditures and cost control recovery will probably not change drastically and that the pet services line item is probably spent.

ACO Cooper stated that the City department heads have been requested to rewrite portions of the departmental code; she will revise the code for animals, which is due to Mr. Ryan by August. She requested members to come up with ideas for the revisions.

V. Shelter/Adoption Report

Since the April 2014 meeting:

Intake -- 1 dog, 5 cats (3 kittens, 2 adults)

Adoptions -- 1 kitten, 1 cat, and 1 dog

Foster -- Black Magic and Charm

Petco -- Ace and Feisty (kittens), and Jack

VI. Trap Neuter Release Presentation

ACO Cooper stated that there are two hot spots of feral cats in the city (Berwyn and North College Park), and she would like the city to have a Trap Neuter Release (TNR) policy. She must provide a TNR presentation for the City Council before August 2014 and is requesting input from citizens regarding whether they want TNR and, if so, at what level? Chairperson Nagle suggested providing outreach to citizens.

VII. Upcoming Events

- Hollywood Farmer's Market (microchipping) – Saturday, July 26
- Doggie Dive-In – Tuesday, September 2
- College Park Day – Saturday, September 27

VIII. Shelter/Petco Schedule

No July schedule due to no animals in the shelter. New member, Ms. Gailes, has volunteered to help at Petco.

IX. Bird/Tree Issues

Mr. Turley stated that he and some of his neighbors are tired of the flocks of birds that nest in the trees near his home leaving bird mess on their cars and on the sidewalks. He stated that the City had previously hung up some ribbons and reflector materials in those trees, but to no avail. He feels that the birds are attracted to three non-native trees that were planted on City property. The tree roots have also caused problems with some sewer lines. The affected citizens met with the City Council, but were told that neither the trees nor the birds were a nuisance and that the problems they are having are to be expected.

X. Other Issues

- Chairperson Nagle announced that a newly appointed AWC member, Betty Gailes, will begin attending meetings in July.
- A representative from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) will be in attendance at the July AWC meeting.
- Councilmember Wojahn is putting together a list of area organizations to ensure there is a list of available contacts when working on the feasibility study for the proposed north county shelter.
- Chairperson Nagle will ask Chairperson McNamee to put together a flyer for the microchipping event at the Hollywood Farmer's Market. Ms. Bellamy also volunteered to do the flyer.
- Chairperson Nagle was unable to find a suitable cage for Pete and Sophie (adult rabbits) for \$50; this issue was discussed at the May AWC meeting.

XI. Adjournment

The AWC meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next AWC meeting is scheduled for July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett